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statewide problem, which is the landfills of our state, and we will pay for it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard the closing on the advancement of LB 661. We will now vote on the advancement. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the advancement of LB 661. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 10 ayes, 16 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 661.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 661 does not advance. We'll now go to LB 489.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 489 was a bill introduced by Senator Hartnett...or Senator Warner, excuse me. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 22 of last year, referred to Urban Affairs, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is a bill which provides a couple of exceptions to the uniform procedure acquiring private property for public use act, and it deals with public hearings. The one section dealing with redevelopment projects only affects cities of the primary class, and it makes an exception for redevelopment projects from that Uniform Procedure Act. The second part of the bill is more general in its application, but it exempts purchases of land that are mutually agreed to by the seller and the city where there are, I believe, ten or less people involved in the project. The reason for doing this, however, is not to eliminate the need for public hearing. All of these processes require city ordinances to be enacted, which require public hearings, three in number, in fact, three considerations. And this is a duplicative public hearing, which is a different number than what is normally used. It adds confusion, actually, to the process, so make...these two exemptions are just getting rid of a duplicative process which is expensive and confusing, both to individuals involved and those that may have an interest in the hearing. I move the bill be advanced.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Beutler.